

Divisions affected: *Wolvercote and Summertown*

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT –
8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**OXFORD: FIRST TURN & GODSTOW ROAD - PROPOSED RAISED
ZEBRA CROSSING**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve as advertised a raised Zebra crossing at First Turn south of its junction with Mere Road

Executive summary

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce a raised zebra crossing on First Turn as shown in **Annexes 1** as a result of adjacent development. This proposal replaces a previous proposal for a zebra crossing not incorporating a flat top road hump, which was approved – together with other allied measures – at the Cabinet Member for Highway Management decisions meeting on 26 May 2022.

Financial Implications

2. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the developers of adjacent land, who will also fund their implementation if approved.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

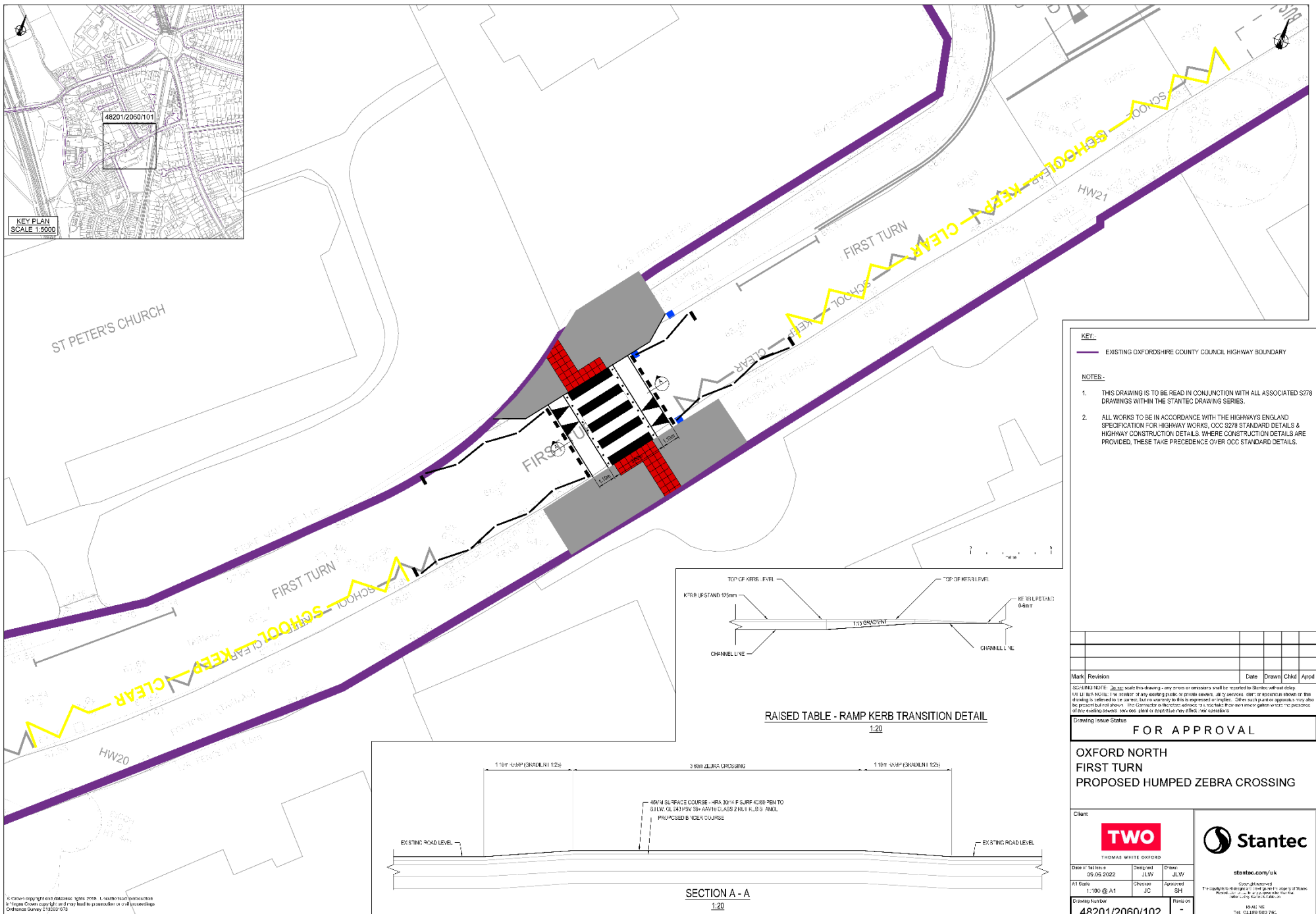
3. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

4. The proposals would help facilitate walking and the safe movement of traffic.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation was carried out between 30 June and 29 July 2022. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper and an email was sent to statutory consultees & key stakeholders, including: Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, Oxford City Council, and the



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**OXFORD NORTH
FIRST TURN
PROPOSED HUMPED ZEBRA CROSSING**

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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
<p>(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)</p>	<p>No objection – The Police have no objection. If I can make one observation relating to the new zebra crossing on First turn.</p> <p>I note the zig-zag markings have been reduced to a minimum on the east side .Would it not be prudent to remove part of the advisory School Keep Clear marking and replace it with the more robust mandatory zig zags.</p>
<p>(2) Local group/organisation, (Wolvercote Commoners' Committee)</p>	<p>Object – I have reluctantly decided to object to the proposal, despite the fact that there is a clear need for a safe place for people to cross First Turn, especially to get to and from school.</p> <p>The problems arise because the crossing is not opposite to the school entrance because of the lack of pavement by the church wall.</p> <p>Children coming from Lower Wolvercote can use Wolvercote Green, and they could cross at the bottom of the hill and approach the school that way. Of course, this could be dangerous. Or they could use Churchway, but when they arrive on First Turn, they will not be near to the crossing, and there is no pavement for them to reach it.</p> <p>The only children who will benefit will be those arriving on the east side of Mere Road. Even those crossing on the newly installed crossing on Godstow Road between Jury's Inn and the Wolvercote roundabout will not benefit without first crossing Mere Road.</p> <p>I can think of no easy solution to solve this problem.</p> <p>I think there should be restricted parking outside the church, so that for short periods in both morning and afternoon no parking is allowed there. These times would coincide with school and nursery start and finish times. At least this would improve visibility at these times.</p>
<p>(3) Member of the Public, (Wolvercote, Godstow Road)</p>	<p>Object – The intention is to 'improve pedestrian safety in the area', making access to the school safer. I naturally support any measure to achieve this. However, I do not think this relatively expensive plan will achieve that objective. There are, I believe, other measures that will be more effective.</p>

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	<p>I therefore object to this proposal</p> <p>The proposed crossing had to be sited clear of the corner of Mere Road, which means that it does not align with the school gates, and consequently, children may not use it.</p> <p>Pupils dropped off by parents driving up Mere Road will naturally cross the road to the nearest school gate, rather than cross Mere Road and walk down a footpath to cross to a place not near a school gate.</p> <p>Children walking from St Peter's Road have a footpath on the school side. Only those delivered by car will have to cross the road. To use the crossing they will have to be dropped near the Mere Road corner.</p> <p>Children walking from Lower Wolvercote may be on a pavement from the Plough and cross St Peter's Road to the school gate, but if Church Lane is used, they will not be able to get to the crossing as there is no pavement along the churchyard wall.</p> <p>This proposal shows that local people's genuine concerns are being taken seriously. However, it is not, I believe, going to be very effective.</p> <p>I was at a meeting outside the school when the issue was discussed, but it was not at a time when children were arriving or leaving school. I have been and looked at the problem several times since.</p> <p>It is clear that there is commuter parking along the church wall. It would be safer if this were not there, but obviously, parking for the church needs to be considered. Prohibiting parking there on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 9 am would solve the problem. A similar short restriction when the children leave school would also deter parents from parking there to pick children up.</p> <p>I am sure that the school does everything it can to encourage parents to walk or use public transport where possible and it should continue to do so.</p>
(4) Member of the Public, (Wolvercote, Home Close)	<p>Support – I support making it safer for children to walk to school. We used to have a lollipop person here helping children. I'm concerned that cars will end up parking everywhere regardless, and better enforcement of existing restrictions would be helpful.</p>

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<p>(5) Member of the Public, (Oxford, First Turn)</p>	<p>Support – I support the proposal, as I frequently see cars driving too fast down First Turn, well in excess of the 20mph speed limit; I hope that a raised zebra crossing will encourage cars to slow down, but possibly other traffic calming measures are also needed. The zebra should also improve safety at school drop off and pick up times. My concerns relate to being resident at 4 First Turn, the boundary of which being where the zebra crossing will be located. Firstly, the drawing seems to indicate a loss of verge up to the fence of our property. We do not support this loss of greenery. My other concern relates to the parking space between the entrance to our drive and the start of the zebra - it is difficult to be sure of the size of this from the drawing. But I would want to be clear that it is of an appropriate size for one or two cars to park without being tempted to encroach over the entrance space to our drive, the view from which on leaving the property can be limited in any case. It would be better to have double yellow lines on this side up to the zebra crossing, but leave them on the other side.</p>
<p>(6) Member of the Public, (Oxford, Botley Road)</p>	<p>Support – Safe for pedestrians and cyclists</p>